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SUPPLEMENT ON CURRICULAR REFORM

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The Curriculum Committee would like to invite submissions and comments from all members of the Faculty on the full range of curriculum matters under review this year. Since the success of any reform depends greatly on the degree of input into the review process, the Committee is particularly interested in receiving your suggestions. We would ask professors to submit their comments by no later than 17 December 1984, and students to submit theirs by no later than 14 January 1985. The following are the various matters currently under review.

Corporate/Commercial Law at McGill

Professor Buckley and Associate Dean Simmonds are presently conducting a review of existing corporate/commercial offerings, and are interested in receiving comments on the possibilities of reform in this field. To what extent can the full complement of corporate/commercial courses be co-ordinated into a comprehensive program? To what extent can existing courses be improved? What are the possibilities of new courses in this field?

Public/ Regulatory Offerings

The Committee is conducting a general review of this area, and will be preparing a report early next year. To what extent is there a need or desirability for the mounting of additional courses in the areas of public, social and regulatory law? Such topics might include the following areas: Regulated Industries, e.g., transportation law, public utilities law, telecommunications law, energy law; Social law, e.g., income security law, law and poverty, social welfare law, unemployment insurance and pension law; Private Law Compensation Schemes, e.g., accident compensation law, landlord/tenant law, workmen's compensation law; and Economic Regulation. (Please direct comments to Prof. Buckley or D. Gogek.)

Legal Research and Writing

We are presently studying the proposal which was published in last week's Quid Novi. The course proposed is an upper year optional research and writing seminar in which students would complete a major paper over the course of the full year. (Please direct comments to Prof. Buckley or D. Gogek.)

Semi-Obligatory Credits

The Committee has received proposals which suggest a need for streamlining the existing requirements imposed by semi-obligatory credits. Before dealing with this matter more fully, the Committee would like to receive further suggestions on how reform in this area can be facilitated. (Please direct comments to Prof. Cotler.)

Clinical Program

The L.S.A. Curriculum Committee is currently drafting a proposal which aims at improving the Faculty's existing 'Legal Clinic' course. The Committee would welcome suggestions in this regard.